



BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia takes iftar with the inmates of Islamia Kamil Madrasah Baitul Amin Orphanage on the first day of Ramadan yesterday. —Star photo

Teachers' salaries transferred to banks

The Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate yesterday transferred Taka 95,69,51,094.38 to Janata, Agrani, Rupali and Sonali Bank authorities as the official part of the salary of the teachers and other employees in the non-government educational institutions, an official hand-out said, reports BSS.

The teachers and employees of the non-government educational institutions including schools, colleges, madrasahs, SSC (vocational) and HSC (business management) have been requested to draw the official part of their salary within January 14 from their respective banks.

The handout said for valid reasons if any teacher or employee fails to draw their arrear salary of the current year June 1998 to November 1998 or 40 per cent of the new national scale of 1997 from first July, 1998 to September 30, 1998 then they would be able to draw the pending salaries from their own accounts within the stipulated time.

JS body meet on industries ministry held

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Industries was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Committee Chairman Dewan Farid Gazi in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed in detail the activities of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) and its different problems.

The meeting advised the concerned authorities of Bangladesh Sugar Mills Corporation (BSMC) to take necessary steps for making it a profitable concern by reducing losses.

Committee members Commerce and Industries Minister Tofiqul Islam, A K M Rahmat Ullah, Hafiz Ahmed Majumder, Mrs Shanzar Sarder, Mohammad Golam Hossain and A K M Mosharraf Hossain attended the meeting.

Industries Secretary K M Ejazul Haq and concerned high officials were present in the meeting.



Death anniversary

The fifth death anniversary of Kohinor Bani, mother of Shaheed Dr Abdul Kalam Azad, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *Guran khawani* and a *milad mahfil* will be held at the residence of her son, Habibul Bashar, editor of the Daily Morning Post, at House-35/B, Road-7, Block-G, Banani.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad*.

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Brahmanbaria incident NGO activists demand removal of DC

By Staff Correspondent

NGO activists at a meeting in the city yesterday resolved that Deputy Commissioner of Brahmanbaria should be relieved of his responsibilities for the sake of a fair and neutral probe into the December 7 incidents in the district.

The meeting, held at conference room of the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), reviewed the latest developments in Brahmanbaria after the December 7 violence centring participation of women at a planned victory fair.

With the ADAB president Dr Kazi Faruq Ahmad in the chair, the meeting was attended by NGOs, associated with ADAB in Brahmanbaria and steering committee members of Comilla sub-committee, says a press release.

The meeting in a resolution noted that those anti-liberation terrorists who had attacked women in Brahmanbaria on December 7 were still giving threats to NGO workers and no legal measures had been taken against them.

It demanded of the government to ensure security of all NGO workers in Brahmanbaria.

The meeting also urged the government to take legal steps so that compensation could be realised from attackers as the meeting noted, properties worth crores of taka were destroyed during torching of NGO offices and looting on December 7.

It demanded inclusion of the issue of human rights violation in the terms of reference of the enquiry commission.

RUJA protests assault on newsmen

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Dec 21: Rajshahi University Journalists Association (RUJA) brought out a silent procession on the campus Sunday with black clothes covering their faces in protest against assault on a newsmen by an Awami League-backed Chhatra League cadre, reports APB.

Starting from Rajshahi University Press Club, the processionists paraded the campus at noon. They also held a rally in front of the administrative building.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to acting Vice Chancellor Prof Saidur Rahman Khan demanding exemplary punishment of the cadre, Ahsanul Haque Pintu.

Pintu allegedly assaulted Faruque Hossain Chowdhury, the RU correspondent of a vernacular daily, as he did not cover the news of BCL.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Chhatra Union, Chhatra Front and JSD-backed BCL issued separate statements protesting against the assault.

Ex-Chandpur AL leader dead

Dr Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury, a political leader and social worker of Chandpur, died of old-age complications and diabetic problems at Suhrawardy Hospital here yesterday, family sources said. He was 82, reports BSS.

Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury, elder brother of former Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, was president of Chandpur district Awami League in the 50s. He was a well-known physician in Chandpur town.

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